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REMARKS

Minor corrections have been made to the specification. Claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2-3 and 5-6 have been cancelled. Claims 9-12 have been added. Claims 1, 4 and 7-12 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are requested.

The Examiner objected to the drawings and referenced claims 5 and 6. Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled. The objection is no longer applicable.

The Examiner objected to the Disclosure because of several informalities. The Disclosure has been appropriately amended.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner's comments have been considered and the claims have been appropriately amended.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4-8 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Vandely.

Claim 1 has been amended to require "a restricting member including a fixing portion and a plurality of restricting fabrics extending along an outer surface of the air bag, said fixing portion being fixed to the air bag". Vandely does not disclose a fixing portion and a plurality of restricting fabrics. Hence, Vandely does not anticipate claim 1 and the claims which depend from it.

The Amendment to claim 1 finds basis at page 8, lines 6-13 and page 12, line 23 to page 13, line 1.

Claims 2 and 3 were indicated to be allowable. Claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten as independent claims in the form of claims 9 and 11.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 1, 4 and 7-12 at an early date is solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be

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